

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/092,070	Applicant(s) MANDAL ET AL.	
	Examiner Charles E. Anya	Art Unit 2194	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Paul E. Kudirka. (3) _____
 (2) Charles E. Anya. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 07 June 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,3,5,9,10,13,17,21,22,25,28 and 29.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant agreed to amend the claims in accordance to Applicant's preliminary amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Charles E. Anya
 Examiner's signature, if required

The claims are deemed allowable for at least the following reasons:

As per independent claims 1,13,25 and 29, the prior art of record does not teach nor fairly suggest a method for managing a data imaging service in a distributed computer system having a host computer with at least one storage device connected to the host computer by driver software, the method comprising: (a) inserting an interface layer between the driver software and the storage device, the interface layer exporting a platform dependent API and controlling data passing between the driver software and the storage device; (b) running, in the host computer a CIM object manager containing a CIM provider that can make calls on the platform dependent API; (c) running, in a management server, management facade software including a CIM client that can contact the CIM provider to control the CIM provider; (d) running, in a management server, a federated bean that generates method calls to the management facade software to control the interface layer; and (e) controlling the federated bean to designate master volumes, shadow volumes and bitmap volumes and to transfer data between specified master and shadow volumes.